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Group Art Unit: Not Yet Known  
Examiner: Not Yet Known

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**(37 C.F.R. § 1.63)**

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**RETRACTABLE COLUMN AND METHOD OF FORMING**

the specification of which:

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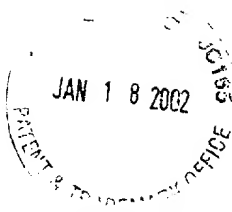
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